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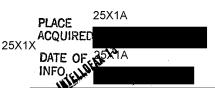
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- 1. The Kolyma Camp is the largest concentration camp in the Soviet Union. The living conditions are unbearable. This camp covers the area between the Lona River in the west and the Kolyma River in the northeast. In this area, of which Magadan is the center, 15 million deportees struggle with life on a daily ration of 200 grams of black bread and work for 12 hours a day. They are used for exploiting the gold mines and also are made to work in the forests. Very few MVD units supervise them. Deportees cannot escape from this vast area; even if they did, the would die of cold and hunger on the way.
- 2. The majority of the deportees are Soviet citizens guilty of ordinary crimes and anti-Communists. There are some German and Hungarian prisoners. Many of the political prisoners are of the intelligentsia, including artists, technicians, and engineers. Doctors, specialists, and other professional men and women are made to work at their respective professions but are supplied with the necessary facilities for this work. The aircraft engineer Tupolev was sent to this camp at one time but was released. Among the prisons currently serving terms there are a woman called "Tiger" who wounded Lenin with a pistol and thus contributed to his death, the well-known baritone Kozin, and the movie star Serova. Claims that Serova, whose first husband was the Soviet Air Force flier Serov, is the legal wife of either marshal Sokolovski or Marshal Rokossovski. That Serova was imprisoned by Stalin for allegedly disclosing military information to the allies while on a tour of the front during World War II.

3. The commander of the Kolyma Camp is an MGB Mautenant to whom the name "Stalin II" 25X18

Comment: The woman who shot at Lenin was Dora Kaplan. The officially announced cause of Lenin's death was a cerebral hemorrage.

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